



# MASSACHUSETTS REGISTRATION OF PROVIDER ORGANIZATIONS PROGRAM

DATA RELEASE NOTES

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2018 DATA

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## MA-RPO DATA RELEASE NOTES

These release notes are meant to assist end users in their interpretation and utilization of the 2018 MA-RPO dataset. This document augments, rather than supersedes, the [2015 Data Release Notes](#) and the [2017 Data Release Notes](#). Unless otherwise stated in this document, the items described in the 2015 and 2017 Data Release notes are also applicable to the 2018 data files and have not been reproduced here. Additional questions on the MA-RPO data can be directed to program staff at [HPC-RPO@mass.gov](mailto:HPC-RPO@mass.gov).

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### Data Year

The MA-RPO Program requires that filings be accurate as of a specific date to enhance uniformity and comparability across filings. The dates for each file in the 2018 filing are listed below.

File	Data Accurate As of:
Background Information	1/1/2018
Corporate Affiliations	1/1/2018
Contracting Affiliations	1/1/2018
Contracting Entity	1/1/2018
Facilities	1/1/2018
Clinical Affiliations	1/1/2018
Physician Roster	1/1/2018
Financial Statements	Reflects the entity's most recently completed fiscal year. This was most often FY 2017 or FY 2018. The fiscal year is reported in each entity's Financial Statement's file.

### Abbreviated Applications

Provider Organizations that were approved to file abbreviated applications did not submit a physician roster as part of their filings. These applicants establish contracts on behalf of a group of physicians that also participate in a larger physician network. For example, a multi-specialty physician practice may establish some fee-for-service contracts independently while also participating in an Independent Physician Association (IPA) for its risk contracts. If the multi-specialty physician practice attested that all of its physicians would be reported on the IPA's physician roster, the MA-RPO Program approved the multi-specialty practice to file an abbreviated application. To identify a Provider Organization whose physician roster includes an abbreviated applicant's physicians, refer to data element RPO-39: Legal Name of Third-Party Contracting Entity(ies) in the abbreviated applicant's Background Information file, or refer to the list below.

Please note that Encompass Health Corporation and Quest Diagnostics Incorporated do not establish any contracts on behalf of physicians, and therefore, while not qualifying for abbreviated applications, have not submitted physician rosters.

The following organizations were approved to file abbreviated applications in 2018:

Abbreviated Applicant	Third-Party Contracting Entity (Provider Organization Legal Name)
Affiliated Pediatric Practices, L.L.C.	Partners Community Physicians Organization, Inc. (Partners HealthCare System, Inc.)
Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center, Inc.	Beth Israel Deaconess Physician Organization, LLC d/b/a Beth Israel Deaconess Care Organization
Boston Health Care for the Homeless Program, Inc.	Boston Accountable Care Organization, Inc. (BMC Health System, Inc.)
Cambridge Public Health Commission	Beth Israel Deaconess Physician Organization, LLC d/b/a Beth Israel Deaconess Care Organization
Cape Cod Healthcare, Inc.	Steward Health Care Network, Inc. (Steward Health Care System LLC)
CentMass Association of Physicians, Inc.	UMass Memorial Health Care, Inc.
Charles River Medical Associates, P.C.	Partners Community Physicians Organization, Inc. (Partners HealthCare System, Inc.)
East Boston Neighborhood Health Center Corporation	BMC Integrated Care Services, Inc. (BMC Health System, Inc.)
Emerson Health System Inc.	Partners Community Physicians Organization, Inc. (Partners HealthCare System, Inc.)
Emerson IPA, Inc.	Partners Community Physicians Organization, Inc. (Partners HealthCare System, Inc.)
Hallmark Health IPA, Inc.	New England Quality Care Alliance (Wellforce, Inc.)
Harbor Health Services, Inc.	Steward Health Care Network, Inc. Steward Integrated Care Network, Inc. (Steward Health Care System LLC)
Harrington HealthCare System Inc.	UMass Memorial Health Care, Inc.
Heywood Healthcare, Inc.	UMass Memorial Health Care, Inc.
Highland Healthcare Associates IPA, Inc.	New England Quality Care Alliance (Wellforce, Inc.)
New England Orthopedic Surgeons, Inc.	Baystate Health, Inc.
Seacoast Regional Health System, Inc.	Beth Israel Deaconess Physician Organization, LLC d/b/a Beth Israel Deaconess Care Organization
Upham's Corner Health Committee, Inc.	BMC Integrated Care Services, Inc. (BMC Health System, Inc.)
Valley Medical Group, P.C.	Baycare Health Partners (Baystate Health, Inc.) Cooley Dickinson Physician Hospital Organization, Inc. (Partners HealthCare System, Inc.)

**2018 Updates to the List of Registering Provider Organizations**

Four organizations that registered in 2017 underwent organizational changes that affected their registration for 2018 .

Lawrence Memorial IPA, Inc. & Melrose-Wakefield IPA, Inc.: Lawrence Memorial IPA, Inc. merged with Melrose-Wakefield IPA, Inc. in 2017 and formed Hallmark Health IPA, Inc. Hallmark Health IPA, Inc. registered in 2018.

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First Psychiatric Planners, Inc.: Alita Care, LLC acquired First Psychiatric Planners (d/b/a Bournewood Hospital) in 2017. Alita Care, LLC is a national behavioral health provider. As of the publication date, Alita Care, LLC did not submit a 2018 filing and therefore has not satisfied the requirements for registration with the MA-RPO Program.

PMG Physician Associates, P.C.: Atrius Health, Inc. acquired PMG Physician Associates in 2017. In its 2018 filing, Atrius Health reported the applicable PMG Physician Associates information as required by the Data Submission Manual.

One registrant had an updated name in 2018.

Encompass Health Corporation: HealthSouth Corporation changed its name to Encompass Health Corporation.

### **Updated Out-of-State Reporting Requirements**

In the 2018 filing, the MA-RPO Program removed the Limited Out-of-State Reporting Requirements designation that was applicable to certain Provider Organizations. Instead, all Provider Organizations were required to submit information in each file only for the out-of-state entities specified in the instructions for that file. Provider Organizations were also required to provide a qualitative description that included, at a minimum, the name and location of out-of-state facilities and physician groups located in New England and New York. The description also included the number of licensed facilities and physicians located outside of New England and New York. These reporting instructions applied to all Provider Organizations.

### **Updated Instructions in RPO-48: Contracting Entity (Contractor) Status**

The MA-RPO Program updated the instructions in RPO-48 to clarify that Provider Organizations should select “No” if the corporate affiliate signs the MassHealth RFA and/or enrolls in traditional Medicare, but does not establish any other contracts with commercial or government payers.

### **Physician Roster Additions**

The MA-RPO Program added fields to the physician roster (RPO-120A and RPO-120B) to allow Provider Organizations to report a physician’s second medical group, if any.

### **Removal of Reporting Requirements**

The MA-RPO Program removed the Statement of Cash Flows (RPO-199 through RPO-214) from the Financial Statements file.

The MA-RPO Program removed the Alternative Payment Method (APM) and Other Revenue file.

### **Reporting Mass Health Accountable Care Organizations**

The MassHealth Accountable Care Organization (ACO) program began on 3/1/2018. If Provider Organizations formed a new corporate entity as of 1/1/2018 to participate in the MassHealth ACO program, they were instructed to report this entity in their Corporate Affiliations file and corporate organization chart. MassHealth ACOs did not need to report the entity as a Contracting Entity (i.e. answer “Yes” in RPO-48) in their 2018 filing, unless the organization was a MassHealth Pilot ACO or unless the entity established other commercial or government contracts as of 1/1/2018.

### **Contact Us**

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MA-RPO Program staff are always happy to answer questions about the dataset and assist end users with questions or concerns. Staff can be reached by e-mail at [HPC-RPO@mass.gov](mailto:HPC-RPO@mass.gov). Please also see the resources available on our website for additional information.

- For a full description of the 2018 reporting requirements, see the [2018 Data Submission Manual](#).
- For a full description of the 2017 reporting requirements, see the [2017 Data Submission Manual](#).
- For a full description of the 2015 reporting requirements, see the [2015 Data Submission Manual](#).
- For additional suggestions for using and interpreting the MA-RPO data, see the [2015 Data Release Notes](#), the [2017 Data Release Notes](#), and the [MA-RPO Program Overview](#).
- For a list of frequently asked questions and answers, see the [June 2018 FAQs](#).